

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1989 - HB 1870

March 28, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to enter into discussions with the member states of I-SaveRx, with appropriate representatives of companies that import Canadian and other international prescription drugs to the United States or with appropriate parties in the Commissioner's discretion. Requires the Commissioner of Health to convene a working group to develop outreach and promotion tools related to the international prescription drug cost savings program in which the State of Tennessee is participating or is established by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$550,000 One-Time

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health would contract with a marketing firm to assist a working group in developing promotional tools and materials, developing a website and necessary forms, and distributing information and materials estimated to cost \$500,000
- The Department of Finance and Administration estimates that it would incur increased expenditures exceeding \$50,000 to implement the requirements of the bill.
- Provisions of the bill are applicable to all health benefit policies, programs, or contracts which are offered by commercial insurance companies and other health organizations.
- The TennCare program is exempted from the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director